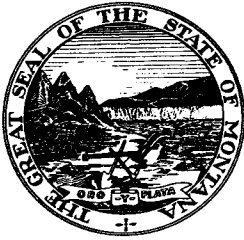


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NOTIFICATION TO PARENT

*You may have a support person present during any in-person meeting with the social worker concerning emergency protective services.*

TO: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
FROM: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Worker; Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_  
Child and Family Services Division Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of Child(ren): 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

REASONS FOR REMOVAL:

On this date, after receiving a report of suspected child abuse, neglect, or abandonment, the Child and Family Services Division (CFSD) investigated the circumstances of the report. CFSD determined that the above-named child(ren) is (are) at risk of child abuse or neglect or is (are) being abused or neglected. After making this determination, CFSD removed your child(ren) from your home and placed him/her/them in emergency foster care. The reason(s) CFSD removed your child(ren) are:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

NOTICE OF SHOW CAUSE HEARING:

The next step in the legal process is for a District Court Judge to schedule a Show Cause Hearing. You will be notified of the time, date, and place of the Show Cause Hearing. If you have any questions prior to the hearing, please call the CFSD Social Worker at the telephone number listed above.

PURPOSE OF SHOW CAUSE HEARING:

The District Court Judge is required to hold a Show Cause Hearing if your child(ren) are removed from your home for longer than 2 working days. At the Show Cause Hearing, the Social Worker and you will both have the opportunity to provide statements to the Judge. The Social Worker will explain the reasons that your child(ren) was (were) removed from your home and placed in emergency foster care. You will have the opportunity to tell the Judge why you believe CFSD should not have removed your child(ren). The Judge must consider all the information that you and the Social Worker present, as well as the statements you make during the hearing.

At the end of the Show Cause Hearing, the Judge will make two decisions. S/he will decide:

- 1) whether the Child and Family Services Division should have removed your child(ren) from your home; and
- 2) whether your child(ren) should remain in temporary foster care.

If the Judge decides that your child(ren) should remain in foster care, the CFSD Social Worker will work with you to develop a treatment plan. The treatment plan will outline the steps you will need to take for your children to be returned to you.